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Title: IMAGE SIGNAL DATA STRUCTURE, IMAGE CODING METHOD. AND IMAGE DECODING METHOD

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2. [] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

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- [] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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- 12. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [] Copies of IDS Citations
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[] Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09/824,207

Prior Application Information: Examiner Po Lin Cheu

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